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1. The weight of the projectile could not be determined.
2. There is no screw thread at the bottom of the projectile for the attachment of a tail unit.
3. The existence of a store of tail units is unknown.
4. The projectile has rotating bands of copper.
5. The fuze bears the engraved marking KT 40/51 S.
6. There are no vents in the bottom of the projectile. However, [] the shell or cartridge is inserted into a bottom unit, since a hardly perceptible groove was noticed seven or eight cm above the bottom. The diameter of the projectile is the same throughout its length; only its base projects slightly.

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7. The data [] indicate that fixed ammunition is concerned. However, [] the shell and a long brass cartridge case were stored separately, an observation which would favor the assumption of separate-loading ammunition. It is unusual that caliber and length of the projectile have a ratio of 40:80. The purpose of the ammunition concerned cannot yet be determined. There is a possibility that it might be a shell to carry propaganda material.

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8. [] an additional shipment of 465 metric tons of this special ammunition arrived at the Wilmersdorf Ammunition Depot []

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